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REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF INTERFERENCE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 24, 2003, please enter the following amendments in the above-referenced application. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has canceled original independent claim 1 and added new independent claims 2-4. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to declare an interference between this application and U.S. Patent No. 6,542,602, which issued to Elazar on April 1, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.